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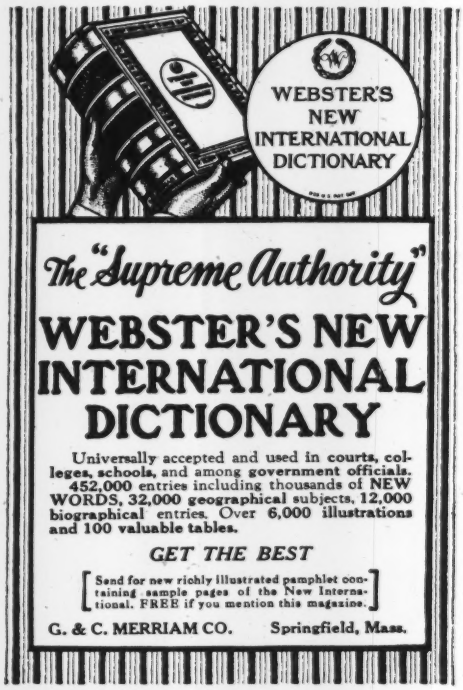

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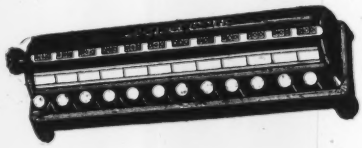

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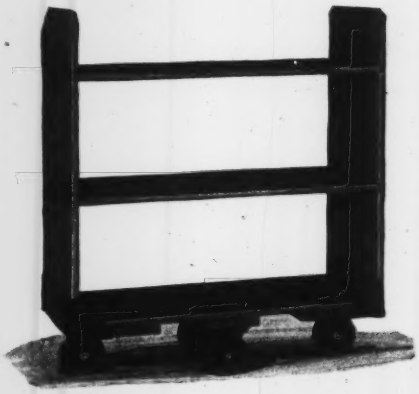

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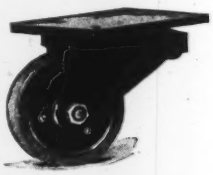

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An article in the ***Children's Library Yearbook***, Number Two, entitled "Children's Book Week: An Appraisal of Activities," by Clara Whitehill Hunt, Superintendent of the Children's Department in Brooklyn Public Library, gives such full justice to the fine possibilities of Book Week while, at the same time, warning against the enthusiasm for a popular custom that may sweep the children's librarian into schemes out of harmony with her own work, that THE LIBRARY JOURNAL has asked and received permission to reprint it in full in the Book Week number of October 15. Other articles scheduled for this number include "Boys' Reading" by Lillian H. Smith, head of the Boys' and Girls' Division of the Toronto Public Library; "Children's Books by Southern Writers" by Emma Lee of the Rosenburg Library, Galveston, Texas, and "Books and the Discipline Problem Boy" by Mrs. Nell Steinmetz of the Los Angeles Public Library. An article on Girls' Reading had been planned for but unexpectedly has been cancelled too late to obtain another author on the subject.

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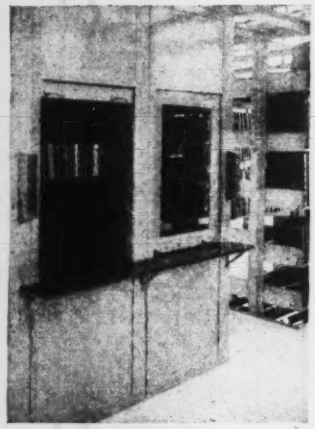

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A Cost Survey in a University Library

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In library practice if there is one thing that seems to be less clear and more productive of misunderstanding and misinterpretation than another, it is the question of costs. This is due in part, but only in part, to variations in practice; more particularly it is due to the lack of a generally accepted terminology and of a uniform method of keeping statistics and compiling data. If anyone doubts this, let him attempt to work out some comparisons between libraries of the same type from the figures published in the annual reports of the institutions concerned. If he still doubts, let him accept membership on one of the statistical committees of the A. L. A. and wrestle with the replies to the committee's questionnaires. If he is totally without conscience and circulates a questionnaire of his own, of course he deserves what he gets and infinitely worse; but the question of an appropriate punishment for him is outside the scope of this paper. The point is that when he has finished tabulating the replies he will probably be more at sea than when he started.

Consider Mr. Windsor's paper on the cost of cataloging, presented at the Chicago midwinter meeting of 1925-26. As reported in The Library Journal for Feb. 1, 1926, Mr. Windsor stated that the cost of cataloging the University of Illinois Library "roughly . . . might be estimated at an average of 77 cents a book." That sounds like something fairly definite—until the next sentence, which reads: "For three years he gave figures from five other libraries as follows: 50c., 56c., 66c., 76c. and $1.03." When more than 100 per cent variation in the extremes of cost is reported from six libraries engaged in practically identical work, there would seem to be need for revising our methods of compiling data; or at least for reaching some common ground on which to base a comparison of results that would mean something.

In view of the amount of money the libraries of this country are spending, detailed information as to costs should be available, and available in shape to permit ready comparison of the figures from similar institutions. Administrative officers and governing bodies have a right to know how, and how efficiently, libraries are spending the funds granted them. Librarians themselves can learn much by comparisons that really compare. Incidentally, comparative figures which can be trusted may prove a valuable weapon for either defence or offence, and an invaluable text in a campaign to educate the power controlling the purse strings. For even though that power be well disposed, misconceptions may easily arise through lack of detailed information; and the librarian who cannot produce the facts readily and in a form comprehensible to persons unfamiliar with the mechanics of library work, may find himself responsible for a situation inimical to the institution under his care.

That quite honest misunderstandings may arise despite the best efforts of the parties in interest to get together, was borne in upon us at the University of California some months ago, when in the course of a conversation over certain appropriations for the following fiscal year a member of the budget committee said to the librarian, in substance: "What the committee has never been able to understand is, why it should cost this library ten dollars to put a book on the shelves." Inquiry brought

Paper read before the College and Reference Section of the A.L.A., Los Angeles, June 25, 1930.

out the fact that this had been an article of faith with the budget committee for some years. Of course, what had happened was, that some member of the committee had conceived the idea of dividing the number of dollars appropriated for all library purposes in some one year by the number of volumes added to the library in that year, to find the cost of putting a volume on the shelves. It was a simple matter to show up the fallacy in this reasoning, but the damage had been done. It is not always easy to eradicate an idea that has become fixed, even when the premise is proved wrong. The budget committee's feeling that the administrative expense of the library was excessive still persisted, and the way to overcome it obviously was to present the facts. The next step was to ascertain the facts. It would have been easy enough to make general statements based upon the usual statistics: to divide the payroll of the accessions and catalog departments by the number of volumes put through and to offer the quotient as the cost of placing a volume on the shelves. But there were reasons inherent in our organization and in the nature of some of our problems which would make results so obtained rather too sketchy for our purposes. Accordingly, those members of the staff responsible for various phases of work in the library were called into consultation, a plan of operations outlined, a month given to testing out the plan to discover where it was weak, and the attack launched on Jan. 1, 1929. We little knew what we were getting into.

For six months, every member of the staff was required to keep a daily record of the actual disposition of his time for every hour of the day, under one or more of several headings worked out for his department. These daily records were kept on time sheets covering one month. At the end of the month the individual time sheets were collected by the department heads, each of whom consolidated the data on a single time sheet covering the work of his department for the month. This proved an effective way of gathering the essential facts, but for some reason it never seemed to acquire much popularity with the staff, some members of which relieved their feelings without resorting to profanity by inserting an additional heading on the sheets: "Time spent in keeping this record." Within a few months the librarian felt it wise to depart for Europe, there to remain until the storm blew over. Upon his return in September he found his secretary wrestling with about a ton of accumulated data; and the number and variety of the unexpected questions which they raised were an object lesson in the complications of detail inherent in the operation of what is probably a fairly smoothly running library machine.

In analyzing the data we excluded from consideration general, that is, undistributable, overhead and capital expenditure, such as repairs to plant and the cost of new equipment. Each process was debited with its exact, or where this was impossible with its carefully estimated share of the cost of supplies, postage, printing, freight and other items of operating expense. Distribution of the cost of student assistance presented no difficulty since the distribution of time appeared on the time sheets, and no more was involved than adding up the hours each student assistant had put in under each of the heads, and multiplying by his hourly rate of pay. The case of the salaried staff was less simple. The plan finally adopted for this group was to treat each monthly time sheet separately, dividing the monthly salary rate by the number of hours the individual had actually worked during that month, to obtain the cost per hour of that individual's services. Of course, this gave an hourly rate which varied considerably from month to month for the same individual; but the method insured a proper allocation of the element of distributable overhead represented by vacations, sick leaves and other absences not involving deduction of salary. Like the original one-cylinder automobile, it was clumsy but it worked. In this connection it should be noted that the months covered by the investigation, January to June, take in just about half of the staff vacations, since at the University of California the regular session extends approximately from the middle of August to the middle of May, and vacations are supposed to be and generally are taken between May 15 and August 15, or during the Christmas holidays.

From chaos, order gradually emerged; and with it a picture or rather a diagram of an average half year of work in a large university library, as it might appear to an efficiency engineer. All of the results were interesting, some were surprising; at least we found them so. But judge for yourselves.

Let us first look at cataloging. In our cataloging statistics the word "volume" is used to designate a publication traveling under its own title page, so to speak, rather than the mass of matter included between two covers. Sixteen thousand, six hundred and fifty volumes were cataloged during the six months at a cost of $10,921, or 65½c. per volume. Inclusion of the processes of accessioning, plating, pocketing, etc., preliminary to cataloging proper increases the gross cost by $1,168, and the cost per volume rises to 72 6/10c. This is lower than Mr. Windsor's five-year-old figure of 77c. for the University of Illinois, but higher than

the 67 7/10c. given by Mr. C. H. Brown for Iowa State College for 1929. The average cost of cataloging in the three institutions is a trifle over 72 4/10c. Perhaps the evidence is sufficient to justify acceptance of the figure of 72½c. per volume as the norm for cataloging costs in a large college or university library in this country at the present time.

Rather strangely, the unit cost of recataloging proved to be well below that of new cataloging; 53 1/10c. as against 72 6/10c. The number of volumes recataloged during the six months was 10,333 and the gross cost $5,498. We shall be interested to learn whether the experience of other libraries engaged in recataloging generally agrees with ours. Evidently it does not everywhere. Mr. C. H. Brown writes from Ames, Iowa: "I should expect that the cost of recataloging and reclassification would be more than for cataloging. I am quite sure it has been with us." Of course, the terms of the problem differ somewhat in different institutions.

The most unsatisfactory part of our survey was also that which yielded the (to us) most surprising result, namely, the part relating to the cost of acquiring a book for the library. The processes of acquisition by purchase, by exchange and by gift proved to be so intertwined with one another and with other processes in and outside of the accessions department as to render it practically impossible to distribute costs accurately without imposing upon the organization of the department a rigidity it was desired to avoid, as well as a burden of record-keeping disproportionate to the object aimed at. The result of tabulating the figures as set down is, that each volume accessioned appears to carry a load of cost much of which would be lifted from it by a more detailed analysis of the work of the department on different lines; and such a restudy is now under consideration.

The number of volumes issued from the loan desk during the six months was 164,703. The actual cost of paging books, recording charges and discharging and reshelving books returned was comparatively light, but the desk carries the burden of a good deal of miscellaneous auxiliary work. This has to be included in computing the cost of the service, which for the period amounted to $13,040, or 7 9/10c. per volume issued. In this connection it may not be out of place to mention another figure, though it has nothing to do with this cost survey. A time check made in November, 1927, to determine the speed of loan desk operation gave 5 9/10 minutes as the average time of a transaction. The day chosen was a normal day in one of the heavier months; the number of transactions recorded being 1400. Of this number 926, or more than two-thirds, were completed in five minutes or less. At present we should probably not be able to equal this record, as the stack is 50 per cent larger than it was in November, 1927.

Bookbinding on the Pacific coast is said to be considerably more expensive than in the Middle West and on the Atlantic seaboard. The following figures should throw some light on the subject. It cost us about $11,000 to bind some 6,300 volumes during the period under consideration, the unit cost working out at approximately $1.74 per volume, of which $1.53 was the average price charged by the binder and 21c. the operating cost to the library. The work was done at the bindery operated by the university in connection with the printing office.

To deal with the remaining data *in extenso* would make this paper sound too much like the directors' report of an industrial concern, if one can imagine an industrial concern continuing to operate when only one department can be kept out of the red. That honorable exception is the photostat service, which showed a profit of $57 on a volume of business aggregating $528. We cannot even stabilize our financial position by using the receipts from fines, since all such are covered into the university treasury. Not only does the library derive no direct financial benefit from fines, but thanks to the wonders of accounting in a state university it actually costs us money to levy them, which must bring vast satisfaction to the victims.

Many of the data assembled and the facts brought out in our survey are of local rather than general interest, but one subject refuses to be ignored: Inter-library loans. In the period surveyed we responded to 406 requests for inter-library loans, sending out 556 volumes; in the same time we borrowed 233 volumes. We found that the unit cost of handling books lent and books borrowed was practically the same. We had always assumed that it was more costly as well as more blessed to give than to receive, but the figures fail to bear out the assumption. When a member of the university community wishes to borrow a book through the library, we always endeavor by reference to our union catalog or other sources of information definitely to locate a copy, and not, like Mr. Longfellow, to shoot our arrows into the air. We also try to verify doubtful and to complete imperfect references before writing. This work takes the time of highly trained assistants and is expensive, but there seems no good reason why it should be put up to the library from which we wish to borrow, to do it. On the

other hand, most of the requests to borrow from us come from smaller institutions of collegiate rank, or from branches or divisions of the university outside of Berkeley, where bibliographical equipment is limited or non-existent. We spend many hours in verifying blind references received from such sources because we realize that in most cases they have given us all the data they have or are in a position to get, and that an obligation rests upon us to make good the deficiency. The result is that the library is put to considerable expense to maintain this service, quite apart from packing and shipping costs. During the period of the survey its inter-library service cost the library $1,255 exclusive of carriage charges, which were repaid; or an average of $1.59 per volume handled. There seems to be sound basis for the suggestion which has been made more than once at library meetings and in our professional literature, that a borrowing library should pay for the service it receives. The larger libraries may and very generally do feel a certain moral obligation to render aid outside their legitimate spheres of activity; but it would be difficult to show good reason why they should be penalized for doing it.

We have found out a great many things from our survey, and many of them we shall be able to turn to good account. If any librarian finds life becoming dull, it is recommended that he initiate an investigation of this kind in his own library: he may anticipate plenty of excitement, if no other result. But there ought to be other results, especially if several institutions of the same kind would conduct their surveys in the same way and would compare their findings. Our program was home-made and in many respects crude and clumsy; it should be possible to better it without great difficulty. Anyone who undertakes to do so will have our blessing and our warmest admiration. He will have an interesting time. He may not want to repeat the experiment, but he will learn a lot.

This Job of Being a Public Librarian

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THERE WOULD be certain advantages if a public librarian could be several people instead of one lone individual with natural human limitations. When the public library was a literary institution for a cultured few it was a fairly easy matter to secure a librarian who represented the tastes, viewpoint and ideals of the limited group which made up the patrons of the library. Now that the public library is a many-sided institution, trying to serve the daily needs and varied cultural aspirations of an entire community the task of being a representative librarian is far more difficult. In fact, a librarian should be male and female black and white, Jew and Gentile, capitalist and laborer, Catholic and Protestant, radical and conservative, old and young and of many nationalities, many professions, many trades and with many different experiences and viewpoints, to have the proper background for his work. A calm survey of the present situation with a consideration of some of the points involved may be of interest.

It is perhaps a natural viewpoint, and within proper limits desirable, for different groups in a community to be interested in the public library and to desire that one they consider as especially representing and understanding themselves to be the head of this increasingly important institution. There seem to be three inescapable facts. First, that the important factor in regard to a librarian is not what group does he represent but what is his fitness for the position. An able person will benefit all while an incapable person will not bring genuine satisfaction to any group. Second, that underneath apparently different aims and viewpoints there is a common meeting ground especially in matters of genuine culture and self-development. Human nature and ideals are the same in spite of artificial names and classifications. Third, that through knowledge, tolerance, sympathy and imagination, it is possible for an individual to be of several ages, nationalities, religions and viewpoints. Realizing these facts, librarian and library supporter can live and work together with complete mutual respect, good will and understanding.

The matter of any special religious qualification in regard to a public librarian seems most unfortunate. This is, of course, entirely proper in the field of denominational libraries. In private life, a librarian should be allowed, as a human being, entire and unbegrudged religious freedom. Religious faith is such a personal matter depending on uncontrolled circumstances of family and birth that to punish or reward a person for their religious connections appears illogical. Nor is religious faith a cloak to be doffed, changed, altered, apologized for or

gloried in. As a public official, on the other hand, a librarian does not have a right to any religious preference and no librarian worth hiring would use his office for the advantage of any religious group at the expense of another.

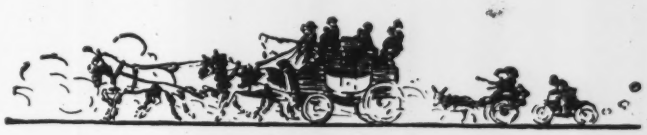
As a matter of fact, in the daily work of a public librarian matters of different religious viewpoints play a very small part. A public library is not a book monopoly and does not expect to supply all of the book needs of a community. The field of religious books is so special, so changing, so personal that except for a very safe middle ground of a non-controversial nature the average public library leaves this type of book for individual or special library purchase. The book of confession, of indictment, of destructive criticism or of propaganda will always have writers and readers but as a usual thing does not have to be supplied for public consumption by the taxpayers' money. In purchasing a book of general literature you question why it should be bought and the reasons which convince you deal with the skill, ability, reputation and authority of the author, but rarely touch on matters of religion. Any librarian of character and professional ideals will in scrupulous manner guard and protect the religious rights and interests of the entire community when it comes to the spending of public money. On the other hand to try to scrutinize and guarantee that every book in every way will suit every reader and displease none is an impossible and undesirable ideal. Readers must be able to use discrimination, to select and reject, to make allowances and discount and to consider the viewpoint of the author.

While a librarian may not inherit his religion he certainly does his nationality. Yet nationality is a minor consideration in the world of books. One of the great discoveries of reading is that human nature changes very little as between the past and the present and that beneath the surface people of different nationalities and different circumstances of life are the same. As a boy I remember, vividly, lying on my stomach, heels in the air, utterly absorbed in *The Last of the Mohicans* and *The Talisman*, and realizing for the first time that a foe, the redskin and the Saracen, could be a hero and a gentleman. A librarian can not look down on any nationality or believe that any group has a monopoly of human virtues for acquaintance with history, art, science, biography; literature tells so clearly the need of respect and tolerance for all.

Although a librarian's religion and nationality do not seem to matter so very much it is a great loss that he can not be both old and young at the same time. Age does have an accumulated experience, a laboriously acquired wisdom, a seasoned and tried philosophy of life, which is a great advantage. Yet youth with its courage, dash, idealism, energy, gambling spirit, dissatisfaction and originality, is greatly needed as a motive force. The old may try to be young and the young to be old but it never seems possible to truly be both at the same time. It is also probably true that a woman librarian has certain special gifts and qualifications and that the man has other gifts and qualifications, but the solution of this problem is not the effeminate man or the masculine woman.

Being professionally trained and untrained at the same time would also have its advantages. The professional training often shows the right and proper way to do things according to tried and established standards but has the danger of tying a person to theory, tradition and routine. The untrained person may start in the wrong direction, wasting time and energy, but he may also have certain advantages in a fresh viewpoint, a willingness to experiment and a close touch with the untrained user of the library. The professional somehow must try to retain the enthusiasm and the viewpoint of the amateur, the beginner, while the untrained person must bend every energy to securing the skill and technique of the professional. Possibly a librarian should be both educated and uneducated at the same time (as most of us are). The person who has climbed to the top of some small educational hill often looks down upon and forgets his brotherly sympathy with those struggling up a slope. The librarian must remain both a learner and a leader.

No librarian can possibly be big enough for his job, it is too special, too general and too many sided. Yet it is possible for a librarian, no matter what his race, creed or special experience in life, to serve an entire community in a loyal, faithful, capable, satisfactory manner.



The Okayama Prefectural Library in Japan

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THE OKAYAMA PREFECTURAL LIBRARY had its beginning in 1908 with a donation of twenty thousand books by Marquis Ikeda, whose ancestors governed Okayama district in the Hoken era, comprising the main portion of the collection. Although public libraries in Japan date as far back as 770, when the Yakatsugu Isonokami "Untei" or "Yakatsugu Library" was established, they were just a museum type of library, where one might examine some rare but little understood Chinese classics. When I entered the library staff in 1914, our library was just such a reading place, with an attendance of about two hundred people a day.

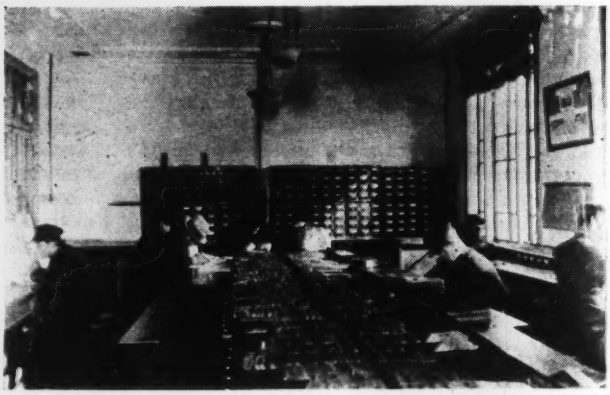
The General Reading Room

In order that we might increase the utility of the library, nine library workers and I set to the task of collecting more popular and useful volumes. We gathered such as a very limited allowance from the prefectural authorities could purchase, and what we could acquire through donations. The total number of books was raised to about forty thousand volumes.

The library assumed quarters in Okayama City, in a small wooden four-story building which faced the prefectural offices. The books were placed in order, and a "lending system" was arranged whereby for one yen[1] one might draw out books from the library for one year. The library was open to all, and there was no charge for reading of books inside the building.

In order to extend the use of the library over the entire prefecture, printed catalogs were sent to the outlying districts within the prefecture. The result was a demand sufficient to warrant the establishment of a "traveling library," by means of which individual schools, small libraries, or organized groups might upon registration with the library have sent to them any books which they might desire. These books were sent by mail, railroad, busses and private carriers.

Two drives were made in 1918, one for the establishment of a local collection, and another to cultivate the "library spirit" among the students and younger children. A canvass was made of the entire prefecture, and to date the collection contains some thirty-five hundred articles, including many valuable manuscripts. The latter drive was carried out with the cooperation of the schools. Lectures were given both at the library and at the schools. Reading certificates were awarded to students reading a designated number of books from lists made according to the age of the child. Special loans were made to the schools, small libraries, and organized groups. An annual summer course was established in library administration to acquaint the teachers with the



The Catalog Room

[1]One yen = 49c. American money.

library and its uses. A separate children's room was also established.

To make the books more accessible to all, temporary branches were established in the various public congregating places. The first was placed in the local park, Korakuyen,

The Children's Room

known as one of Japan's three most beautiful parks. It was placed in a picturesque little cottage at the foot of a hill. It was named "Shikibunko" (Library of the Seasons); in spring it was called "Cherry Blossom Library"; in summer, the "Waterfall Library"; in autumn, "Maple Leaf Library," and in winter, "Snow Library." Other branches were established at the bathing beaches in summer and the hot springs in winter, all outside the City.

By 1922 our old building was overcrowded, and a drive started for a new structure which might be more modern and spacious, if not more beautiful than the one then occupied. With the kind guidance of the architect, Dr. Riki Sano, plans were completed, and in the spring of 1923 our new quarters were ready for occupancy. The building was completed at the cost of one hundred and thirty-six thousand yen.

The floor space amounts to twenty thousand square feet. It is a two-story building of thirty-four rooms, including a reference room, general reading room, ladies' reading room, children's room, lecture and special exhibit hall, special display room, lunch room, smoking room, disinfecting room, binding room, packing room, and store room.

Old systems were discarded and replaced with new ones. The Dewey system of cataloging was installed to replace the old Japanese system. A book consulting office was established where all reference questions could be brought. The board of advisors was increased to thirty-seven members.

For a prefecture of one million two hundred and thirty-eight thousand people, and a population in Okayama City of one hundred and twenty-five thousand people, our library is not up to the American standard. The atmosphere also is very rural when compared to the large libraries at Osaka and Tokyo. There are two hundred and fifty very small libraries and a city library of thirty-nine thousand five hundred and eighty-six volumes,

A Temporary Branch, Shikibunko, Placed in a Local Park

from which a prefectural club has been formed. However, the modern public library is a comparatively new thing in Japan, and it is indeed gratifying to note the encouragements from the government and the prefecture by the awarding of a bounty at various times. The realization of the need for better libraries is leading to a constantly improving standard of library work, and holds bright hopes for the future.

Pacific Northwest Regional Cooperation—Periodical Holdings

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GEOGRAPHICALLY defined, the Pacific Northwest is the area bounded upon the north by Alaska, upon the east by the crest of the Rocky Mountains, upon the south by California, and upon the west by the Pacific Ocean. Historically speaking, it is the Territory of Old Oregon. It comprises the Province of British Columbia and the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and the western part of Montana. Within this area there exists much of historical, economic and cultural unity, disturbed only by the fact that it is crossed by an international boundary line. One of the unifying factors within this region is the Pacific Northwest Library Association. Through the Annual Conference of this Association and by means of its special and standing committees, a number of cooperative enterprises have been sponsored and carried to completion. Among these have been a location list of books for the blind, a location list of books relating to the Pacific Northwest, and a list of books on the Pacific Northwest for small libraries. It has prepared also a Union List of Manuscripts now awaiting publication, and has sponsored cooperative advertising and cooperative information on subscription books. Relating to the matter of periodicals, the P. N. L. A. has taken no official action. At its last Conference, held in August, 1929, however, the topic of Coordination of Periodicals was discussed and initial steps were taken to secure cooperative action. Let me state very briefly the nature of the problem as it appears today.

For many years librarians have recognized the importance of cooperating so as to prevent needless duplication in the purchase of books. The folly of competing with each other for the possession of rare and expensive sets has been particularly evident with regard to highly specialized periodicals. Nevertheless, much remains to be done by way of working out a satisfactory technique of coordination. The cost of serials and their number continues to mount. The cost of binding has been increased by the tendency of magazines to go to the "flat size" and by the intermingling of text and advertising, thus greatly increasing the quantity of matter that must be preserved. College and university and all large public libraries are concerned with the growing costs of periodicals and essential serials, and must devise ways and means of securing the most necessary material without too seriously depleting the book funds available. The problem of coordination with regard to periodical and serial publications is most important, and it must be admitted that little progress has as yet been made. The situation, however, has been greatly improved by the publication of the *Union List of Serials*. This national survey of the periodical resources of America furnishes sufficient information to enable librarians to work with some degree of knowledge in planning for the future. It shows at least where sets of the various periodicals are to be found and indicates the degree of completeness of the holdings reported.

During the winter and spring of 1929, the University of Washington Library submitted the following proposals in the hope that some plan for future coordination might be adopted:

1. That each *Union List* library of the Pacific Northwest keep that work up to date by a card supplement of additions as made.
2. That each *Union List* library exchange cards with the others so as to keep the *Union List* up to the minute so far as the Pacific Northwest is concerned.
3. That an annual meeting be held to pass on proposed periodical subscriptions with view to dividing the field and fixing responsibility for the acquisition of local serials. Each library to be represented by a delegate empowered to act for his institution.
4. That special interlibrary loan obligations be recognized among the libraries of the Pacific Northwest.
5. That periodic revisions of the *Union List* should be urged and that an effort should be made to induce the cooperation of important libraries strategically located but not yet participating.

These proposals with slight reservations or modifications were unanimously indorsed as to principle, with the intent of working out some practical method of procedure at a meeting to be held for the purpose in connection with the next annual conference of the P. N. L. A. At this conference, which was held in Spokane, I outlined the need for cooperative action, and after some discussion it was proposed that those specially interested in the coordination of serials should meet to work out a plan of action. An adjourned meeting was held as proposed, which was attended by the executives of all save one of the *Union List* libraries in

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the Pacific Northwest. The following agreements were unanimously approved:

1. That the libraries of the Pacific Northwest represented in the *Union List of Serials* request the following other libraries to cooperate in the coördination of periodical purchases:
   Legislative Library, Victoria, B. C.
   Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver, B. C.
   Washington State College, Pullman, Wash.
   Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.
   Spokane Public Library, Spokane, Wash.
   Tacoma Public Library, Tacoma, Wash.
   Portland Library Association, Portland, Ore.
   Reed College Library, Portland, Ore.
   Oregon State Library, Salem, Ore.
   Montana State School of Mines, Dillon, Mont.
   Montana College of Agriculture, Bozeman, Mont.
   Boise Public Library, Boise, Idaho.
   This cooperation is needed in the selection and purchase of serials, and will be useful also in connection with interlibrary loans.
2. Each of the libraries above listed is requested to check the *Union List* for its holdings, and to prepare in typewritten form on letter-size paper a list of its serials to be forwarded to each of the *Union List* libraries of the Pacific Northwest and to each other.
3. It was suggested that this list of serials be distributed about Jan. 1, 1930, and annually thereafter.
4. It was agreed that *Union List* libraries send to each other at that time lists of additions which they have made supplementary to the *Union List*, such supplementary lists to be sent also to such new libraries as may agree to cooperate as above.
5. It was further determined to ask one *Union List* library in each State or province to assume the responsibility of cooperating with other libraries in that State or province to see what can be done to improve the situation with regard to completing sets of locally published serials.

These, then, were the Spokane agreements of August, 1929. What progress has been made to date? The first important development was the announcement by the H. W. Wilson Company of active work upon a supplement to the *Union List of Serials*. This altered the local situation radically, and made unnecessary the annual typewritten supplements which had been proposed. It left, however, two important lines of work for local cooperation, namely, an increase in the number of participating libraries, and a division of responsibility for the acquisition and completion of sets of locally published serials. The number of libraries has already been increased. The Library Association of Portland and the Tacoma Public Library are contributing entries to the *Union List Supplement*, and the Library of Washington State College at Pullman promises to contribute when a complete revision of the *Union List* is made. Whitman College of Walla Walla, Wash., has prepared a complete typed list of its periodical holdings in accordance with rules of the *Union List*, and this is available to local libraries as a basis of interlibrary loans. With regard to sponsorship for complete sets of locally published serials, there is still much to be done. It has been left to the librarian of each State and provincial university library to act as leader in this phase of coördination within his own State or province. In Idaho and Montana, action awaits meetings of the State library associations. British Columbia has reported no progress to date. In Oregon, a meeting was held last December, with the result that Miss Ruth Rockwood of the Library Association of Portland has undertaken the preparation of a list of all serials published in Oregon. This is to be used as a basis for coördination in the State of Oregon, and good progress will doubtless follow the completion of her list. In Washington, several conferences have been held by the Seattle Public Library and the University of Washington Library. A list of the principal serials published in the Pacific Northwest as reported in the *Union List of Serials* has been studied. It was found that some two hundred titles, or fully half of the list, are not reported complete in any library in America. The Seattle Public Library has assumed responsibility for completing thirty-eight of these titles, and the University of Washington Library has sponsored sixty-seven others. It is not expected that all of these sets can be completed, but much can doubtless be done.

A word needs to be said in regard to the type of responsibility assumed by libraries cooperating under the Spokane agreements. Such obligations as are assumed shall be self-imposed and self-enforced. No attempt at cooperative purchasing is intended. Each library will continue to buy its own sets as at present. It will place its own periodical subscriptions and pay its own bills, without interference from any outside person or agency. A knowledge of holdings is the first requisite in such a scheme of cooperation. This fortunately is being supplied by the *Union List of Serials*. The next requisite is the willingness and the ability to define one's own field of acquisition. If each library were to insist upon running its own affairs without regard to its neighbors, little progress could be expected. In the Pacific Northwest, advantage of regional conference has been taken in working out library relationships, and libraries are coördinating with regard to the welfare of the entire area. If similar group action is taken in other areas, it will be possible to look forward to vastly augmented periodical resources, even within the course of the next decade. The ultimate goal of library cooperation should be nothing less than the nationalization of the book resources of America.

A Merit Badge for Reading

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A VERY INTERESTING experiment is being worked out in the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library, made possible through a recent action of the local Boy Scout Council. Realizing the influence which good books and the reading habit play in the life of a boy, these men felt that the national Merit Badge for Reading was not furnishing all the impetus needed. A reading committee was authorized to determine how the use of books might be fostered and the Merit Badge idea expanded with greater effect among our own boys. Serving with this committee were the librarian of the public library and the Educational Director of the Boy Scouts. It was decided to inaugurate a local Reading Program and Book Badge, with the hope that it might have a far wider than local interest. The new plan is designed to include every Scout, even a Tenderfoot, instead of waiting until he is a Second Class Scout; but does not prevent his getting the national Merit Badge when he is ready for it. The requirements of the program are as follows:

1. Any Boy Scout registered in the Kansas City, Mo., Council is eligible for this program.
2. The program consists of reading a minimum of six books during any period of three months.
3. These books are to be taken from this selected list of 400 books chosen by the Reading Committee of the Kansas City Council with the aid of the public library.
4. This list of books may be obtained from the main or branch libraries, Scout headquarters and Scoutmasters.
5. The Scout must have or secure a library card.
6. He must secure a book badge registration card from a librarian, at the main or any branch library. This card must be signed by a librarian upon completion and review of the reading of one or more books.
7. This book badge registration card is to be turned in at headquarters to obtain the book badge.
8. The badge will be presented at a court of honor.
9. There is no limit to the number of book badges which a Scout may obtain.

The first task of the library was to prepare a book list that might be used as a guide, and this was done by the Boys' and Girls' Department. The book reviews submitted for the national badge had not been presented in great numbers, but one thing they had done very forcibly; we realized more than ever the fact that there are a great number of boys whom we have never reached, despite the fact that we are serving thousands and really influencing their reading. Some of the books reported on were rather appalling, causing dismay alike to the children's librarians who received them and, when they were refused, to the boys who handed them in. A great deal of tact was necessary to convince him that there could be books more worthy of consideration, and to prove our point by finding him one he could appreciate. With these experiences in mind, we approached the making of this list. The good reader gave us no concern beyond providing some things which he is sure to like, but a great deal of thought was put on the boy who has read very little and very poorly. For the benefit of these we included, under the heading "Other Good Books," many titles popular in type, which will never pass muster as literature. They are merely bait which we hope will soon be outgrown by the boy to whom they make their present appeal. Nothing below the library standard of inclusion is there, for we must always have some stepping-stones. The other divisions of the list, borrowed from the national requirements, are "Some Standard Books" and "Some Phases of Scouting," with a very liberal interpretation of each phrase. In a list of 400 titles it is manifestly impossible to more than skim the surface of books for boys, and in our examination we will accept any other books of equal merit.

After the lists were distributed and the campaign launched by the Educational Director of the Boy Scouts, it was found that the response from the Scoutmasters was very slow in coming. With a majority of them it was just one more thing added to the many already required. Something must be done to "sell" the idea to those directly responsible for its administration. To meet this situation the Scout troops were divided into groups and assigned to the branch library nearest their meeting place. The branch children's librarians, all of whom are Councillors, issued a verbal invitation to each of these Scoutmasters to come to the library on a given evening and talk over the reading program. The attendance the first evening exceeded expectations, although some of them wondered what it could all be about. The children's librarian gave an informal talk on the value of reading, and suggested some ways of interesting boys in books. The head of the department talked about the list, the interest displayed by the boys and the part the library plays in this new project. The chairman of the Reading Committee and the Educational Director talked from their angle and drew the men into animated discussion of the subject and ways and means of promoting it. Similar group meetings are

planned for every branch in the city where there are Scout troops, and if they all end on as enthusiastic a note as the first one the problem of the Scoutmasters' attitude is easily solved.

Our last school visits were being made just after the lists were ready, and in each of the upper grades the boys were told about the plan and given lists. Posters were put in our boys' and girls' rooms, and we talked to the Scouts with whom we came in contact. Our efforts met an immediate response, which promises great possibilities as the idea becomes more generally known. An unexpected number of entries have been made, and two boys have turned in their first group of six books.

When the national Merit Badge was first started each branch children's librarian was made a Councillor, which made it much easier to handle than having only one for the entire city. The same plan is being used with the local program. Upon entering, the Scout is given a card upon which is written his name, address, library card number and telephone number. A duplicate is kept in our file. On the card is room for the list of books read, when reviewed and by whom. When he has completed his six books the boy hands his card in at a Court of Honor and receives his badge.

To make it easier for us and because we find he puts more thought into it we ask that the reviews be written. Some of them have been very amusing, but they all show sincerity and effort. One tells us naively that "A person without a good literary background is just out of place in society." Another traces the progress of civilization to the development of the reading habit: "A long time ago men did not have many books so they were not very smart and did not progress very much. Now men have plenty of books to read and are far more advanced than their ancestors." A review of *Boots and Saddles* begins, "Principle characters: Mr. General Custer, Mrs. General Custer," and ends with this bit of information, "After the battle the only thing left on the field was a poor old horse. This horse is now in the Museum in Lawrence."

With the idea just beginning we are sure of its ultimate success.

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The great and manifold interest in social and economic problems awakened to an unprecedented degree in the American public, as a result largely of developments in the economic life of the country since the close of the World War, has had the effect of tremendously increasing the volume of printed matter dealing with all the phases of these problems. The consequence is that a man in public service or academic life, or a forward-looking, constructively-minded business man, manufacturer or financier, is well-nigh bewildered by the mass of printed matter on any subject of particular interest to him that comes daily to his desk, or that is to be found in the numerous general and special libraries with which America is blessed more than any other country in the world.

This presents a particularly difficult problem to all those who in their work are called upon to propose or determine social and economic policies. As a rule, these men and women have no time for exhaustive research, but their policies, particularly if they are legislators or high administrative officers, have a considerably greater immediate influence on the daily life of the people than years of laborious and scholarly research of economists and sociologists. The equipment which they need in reference to a given question consists of information relating to the present status of the problem with which they deal, all that has been done in connection with it, and many facts and data which have been collected on subjects closely related to this problem. They must have a guide, and that guide naturally appears in the form of a bibliography.

In order to fulfill this mission a bibliography should be more than a mere list of books and manuscripts relating to a given subject, and even more than the history or description of them with the notices of dates, editions, and so on. It must be a living record of what has been done in any given field; it must be an eloquent description of the thought which forms the most essential principle of the subject. The material in a bibliography must be so arranged as to present the history of a movement from the time it first begins to take shape in the form of a timid idea, as it works upward against obstacles of all kinds, and as it finally gains recognition as a factor in life,

whether from a scientific or social point of view. To accomplish this, bibliographical material should be arranged as often as is possible in a chronological order, for generally such an arrangement is helpful in gathering up the superficial history of a particular problem. Next, the content of the annotations must unfold the exact point of view of each of the publications under consideration. That is to say, annotations should be arranged and worded so as to bring out the true meaning of the various contributions in relation to the time they were written and the status of the problem at that time. An accurate description should, of course, be given of all the factual information contained in the different articles, pamphlets, and books examined, but, generally, the comments made should not be in the form of criticism. A bibliography which is arranged in the order of time and which is carefully annotated gives not only a picture of the history and present standing of a given question, but it serves as a powerful suggestion as to the lines of rational thought and action that should be followed in the future.

Such a conception of bibliography is of special importance in an institution like the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Library, which aims to place at the disposal of its patrons the most comprehensive and accurate information which it is possible to obtain, and where legislators and public officials come for information and enlightenment on public questions which will form the subject of future legislative or administrative action.

Because of the nature of its work the reference library finds it necessary to compile many bibliographies, beginning with simple lists of references especially requested by legislators, public officials, students and private citizens, and ending with select or comprehensive bibliographies which, also, are compiled upon request, or which are prepared to serve the librarians and assistants in working with theories, policies, and opinions on economic, social and political questions.

The preparation of great numbers of bibliographies of the latter type, the demand for which is increasing, is beyond the powers of such a small staff as is that of the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Library; hence, the library has found it profitable to lean heavily on the students who are enrolled in the University of Wisconsin Library School, and who are required to submit a bibliography to the Library School as one of the requisites for graduation. It has been the practice of the Legislative Reference Library to undertake the supervision and instruction of students who are interested in bibliographies of a sociological, economic and political character. In this way, the library receives a number of bibliographies which are exceptionally well done, and the students find it possible to work with subjects which undoubtedly would remain unknown to them were the library not at hand to furnish the necessary background in subject matter and library technique. The distinctive qualifications of the students of the Library School from the point of view of education, training, and earnestness of purpose, and the further fact that in working out their bibliographies they come in contact with specialists in various fields at the state capitol and the University of Wisconsin, make their work most valuable in the attempt of the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Library to reach the high ideal of a constructive and stimulating collection of bibliographies, the subject matter of each of which is concerned with practical problems of immediate importance.

The following bibliographies which have been compiled during the past two years for the Legislative Reference Library by University of Wisconsin Library School students serve as good illustrations of an approach to model bibliographic studies on subjects of current and social interest:

Large scale agricultural marketing.
Economic and sociological research in agriculture.
Police power.
Chain stores.
State advertising.
Maternity as a public health problem.
Branch and chain banking.
Utilization of farm and forest waste.
Cold storage and refrigeration of food.
Elimination of illiteracy.
Public opinion: its nature and agencies for creation and dissemination.
Land utilization and land economics.
Lobbying.
Roadside development.
Sale of drugs other than by pharmacists.
Commercial and political expansion in the Caribbean region.
Training of employees by corporations.
Has woman suffrage benefited the United States?
Waterpower and superpower.
Commercial canning for the last half decade.
Dairying in the South since 1920.
Satellite cities.
Road building problems.
Crop and market reports: their history and present status in the United States.
Fish culture.
The American woman at work.
The machine age in industry.
Newest fads in education.
Petty forms of gambling.
Migratory farm labor.
The financing of public education.
Sterilization of abnormals.
Methods of identifying criminals.
Leadership.
The trend of progress of the movement to improve small load conditions.
Legal phases of agricultural marketing and agricultural cooperation.

Librarian Authors

Burton Egbert Stevenson, born in Chillicothe, Ohio, has been writing ever since he was a boy. At the age of twelve he started a printing office and an amateur paper of his own called *The Boys' Own*, a monthly publication which he continued until he went to college. While at Princeton he acted as correspondent for *The New York Tribune* and the old *United Press* and after college he took a newspaper job in his home town. In 1894 he was City Editor of the *Chillicothe Daily News* and in 1898 of the *Chillicothe Daily Advertiser*. In 1899 he was chosen librarian of the Chillicothe Public Library and has held this position ever since, the trustees giving him leave of absence for service in France, twenty-five months during the war, as European Representative of the A. L. A. Library War Service, and four and a half years recently as Director of the American Library in Paris. At the time Mr. Stevenson became librarian the Chillicothe Public Library was quite small and occupied a room in the city building. Now it has a handsome Carnegie building of its own, built in 1907. Its circulation has grown from 19,752 in 1900 to 166,352 in 1929.

Burton Egbert Stevenson

His most widely known work is *The Home Book of Verse* published in 1912, but he has many other volumes to his credit. In 1900 he published *At Odds With the Regent*, a story of the Cellamare Conspiracy; in 1901 *A Soldier of Virginia*, a story of Colonel Washington and Braddock's defeat; in 1902 *The Heritage* and *Tommy Remington's Battle;* in 1903 *The Holladay Case;* in 1904 *Cadets of Gascony*, two stories of old France, and *The Marathon Mystery;* in 1905 *The Young Section Hand;* in 1906 *The Girl With the Blue Sailor* and *Affairs of State;* in 1907 *The Young Train Dispatcher* and *That Affair at Elizabeth;* in 1909 *The Quest for the Rose of Sharon* and *The Young Train Master;* in 1910 *The Path of Honor;* in 1911 *The Spell of Holland;* in 1912 *Mystery of the Boule Cabinet* and *The Young Apprentice;* in 1913 *The Gloved Hand* and *The Destroyer;* in 1914 *The Charm of Ireland;* in 1915 *Little Comrade;* in 1917 *A King in Babylon;* in 1918 *The Girl from Alsace;* in 1922 *The Kingmakers;* in 1923 *Famous Single Poems;* in 1924 *The Storm Center*, and in 1926 *The Coast of Enchantment*. He is also editor of Theodore Winthrop's posthumous novel, *Mr. Waddy's Return*, 1904; Condensed Classics edit. *Tom Jones*, 1904; Editor and Compiler of *Days and Deeds* (verse), 1906; *Days and Deeds* (prose), 1907; *Poems of American History*, 1908; *A Child's Guide to American Biography*, 1909; *Home Book of Verse*, 1912; *Home Book of Verse for Young Folks*, 1915; *Home Book of Modern Verse*, 1925. A dramatization of *The Boule Cabinet* was successfully produced by Winthrop Ames.

This summer Mr. Stevenson returned to America and has plunged into his literary work again. He hopes to have a new novel ready for next spring and then he will go ahead with a thorough revision and amplification of *The Home Book of Modern Verse*. These are only two of the many projects he has on hand which, as he says, "have been accumulating, so to speak, ever since 1925 when I went to Paris. I have had no book since January, 1926, when *The Coast of Enchantment* was published. I was home for four months last summer and managed to revise and enlarge *The Home Book of Verse for Young Folks*, but that was all I had time to do." Mr. Stevenson is a member of the Century Club and the Authors Club of New York; of the Union Interallié of Paris; of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and of the Library Institute.

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Editorial Forum

THE GREAT regional conference representing the librarians of the Northeast, which brought together eight hundred attendants at Swampscott last June will be patterned by the regional meeting of librarians of the Northwest at St. Paul, October 14-17. Here the state meetings of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and North and South Dakota will be jointly held and the occasion will be of first importance. Both Minnesota and Wisconsin have long been noteworthy as leading library states and the other states of the great Northwest are following their example. These regional meetings serve the double purpose of bringing together men and women who are leaders in the profession and giving the younger folk better opportunity to participate than at the crowded and often distant national conference.

IF SEVERAL institutions would conduct surveys in the same manner as the University of California and compare findings, a very definite estimate of the cost of library operation in a university library could be made. In view of the amount of money the libraries of this country are spending, detailed information as to costs should be available and available in shape to permit ready comparison of the figures from similar institutions. For six months every member of the library staff of the University of California was required to keep a daily record of the actual disposition of time for every hour of the day under one or more of several headings worked out for the department. At the end of each month the individual time-sheets were collected by the department head, each of whom consolidated the data on a single sheet covering the work of the department for the month. This proved an effective way of gathering the essential facts. Miss Hand in her article states that a great many things were learned from their survey and many of them they will be able to turn to good account. She recommends, if any librarian finds life becoming dull, that he initiate an investigation of this kind in his own library.

FOR MANY YEARS librarians have recognized the importance of cooperating to prevent needless duplication in book purchase. The problem of competing with each other for the possession of rare and expensive sets has been fully appreciated by libraries, but not as yet worked out. In this number Charles W. Smith tells of how the Pacific Northwest has cooperated in its periodical holdings, and he suggests that if similar group action is taken in other areas it will be possible to look forward to vastly augmented periodical resources. Certainly the ultimate goal of library cooperation should be nothing less than the nationalization of the book resources of America. In the July issue of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL, Dr. Jurgens of the Notgemeinschaft der Deutschen Wissenschaft, Berlin, gave a short description of the German Cooperative Clearing House for Duplicates in use since 1921. The main differences from the Wilson plan, outlined in THE LIBRARY JOURNAL of February 1, 1930, are that there is no money involved; service is limited to certain libraries but includes both books and journals; and that all orders can be filled as there is no waste of time by making demands on exhausted stock.

A BOY SCOUT Merit Badge for Reading is an interesting experiment being worked out in the Kansas City, Mo., Public Library and one sure of ultimate success. The Boy Scout local Council, realizing that the national merit badge for reading was not furnishing all the impetus needed, appointed a reading committee of which Purd B. Wright, librarian of the Kansas City Public Library, was a member, to determine how the use of books might be fostered and the merit badge expanded with greater effect. It was decided to inaugurate a local reading program and book badge which would include every Scout, even a Tenderfoot, instead of waiting until he is a Second Class Scout. The program requires that each boy read a minimum of six books, taken from a selected list of 400 books chosen by the Reading Committee, during any period of three months. Written reviews of each book must be accepted by a children's librarian, either at the main library or at one of the branches, and some reviews have

been very amusing. One boy went so far as to trace the progress of civilization to the development of the reading habit and another told naïvely that "a person without a literary background is just out of place in society."

Another veteran is gone, of the A. L. A. in its beginnings, leaving Melvil Dewey and R. R. Bowker of the original trio and Charles Evans, bibliographer, still active in their several ways, remaining from the roster of 1876. The present generation can scarcely appreciate the value of the early work which William Eaton Foster, like Charles A. Cutter and others, gave to moulding the association in the seed-sowing days, fore-shaping it for the blossoming into such rich fruition in these later years. Mr. Foster's initial service was in preparing the valuable reference lists as to American history printed in the early volumes of this Journal and reprinted by the Society for Political Education. He had the unique record of growing up with the library which he made famous and which made him famous in the profession, for he was called to the librarianship of the Providence Public Library at its inception, and at the end of a half century saw it one of the most notable among our public libraries. He was a man of modest and gentle mien, but his modesty could not conceal his ability as administrator and scholar, and his indefatigable industry produced many valued contributions to history and bibliography. He had the wisdom to suggest an associate who should become his successor and in his case the oft repressed query, "How soon will the old man go?" was never in thought because he rightly belonged in and to the library until the day of his death. Happily the appreciation of him from the pen of Dr. Koopman and the latest portrait appeared ante-mortem in the May, 1930, Library Journal, so that he had the satisfaction of reading what would be said of him after his passing. Long may his example and the tradition of his good work remain active in his library and in the chosen profession which he honored.

Word comes at the last moment from the North German Lloyd Steamship Co. that the proposed trip of the German librarians has been cancelled, probably for the reason that German librarians are not so amply paid that sufficient of them could venture the modest cost of the journey. We voice the regret of the American library profession that they may not entertain their German brethren as had been planned.

Library Chat

One of the quaintest and most successful reading centers in the South is told about in *The Christian Science Monitor* of September 9. It is a free library of more than 3,000 volumes that has been established far out in the Ozark Hills by Mrs. Ada Check, 72-year-old housewife and book enthusiast. The library at Check's Corner, Arkansas, is run strictly in accordance with the ways of pioneer neighborliness; its door is never locked and the books are free to whoever wishes them. Country people are at liberty to come at any hour of the day, take out whatever books they wish, and keep them until they have finished reading them. Not a volume has been stolen during all the history of the project and no more than half a dozen have been lost in as many years.

Nearly a quarter of a century ago, Mr. and Mrs. Check organized the first community club of their countryside and at that time Mrs. Check conceived the idea of a community library, although the club was much wanting in funds as were its founders. But one day a means presented itself; it came in the form of a stray sheep, a bedraggled ewe, which stumbled into the Check premises one night. Mrs. Check fed the straggler and gave it quarters for the night and next morning she found herself possessor of two sheep instead of one, for during the night a lamb had been born. The self-elected hostess advertised for an owner, but as no owner appeared she resolved to found her library with the flotsam of a rainy night. It happened that in her girlhood she had learned the art of carding and spinning wool, so when summer came, Mr. Check sheared the ewe and his wife carded the wool, spun it into thread, and wove a coverlet which she sold. From that start the holding of sheep increased to more than twenty head, which gave abundant wool for long winters of carding, spinning, and weaving. Within three years Mrs. Check had made and sold more than two dozen hand-woven coverlets and at least fifty hand-made patch quilts and put the returns into her community library. Six years ago, when sufficient funds had accrued, Mrs. Check bought the furnishings for a one-room library and an initial stock of about 200 worthwhile books, and Mr. Check put up a frame building immediately behind his store to house the beginnings. The quaint backwoods library has grown steadily since that date until now there are more than 3,000 volumes, of which more than 500 were contributed gratuitously the first year.

The October Forecast

A check list of books of general interest whose publication dates fall during the coming month

(Exact date of issue, when known, is given directly after publisher's name)

Biography, History and Travel

Addams, Jane. *The Second Twenty Years at Hull House.* Macmillan. $4.
With autobiographical notes and reflections.

A Yankee Trader in the Gold Rush. Houghton Mifflin. $3.50.
The letters of Franklin A. Buck, 1846-1880.

Beard, Charles A. and William. *The American Leviathan.* Macmillan (28). $5.
A popular yet serious study of that American Leviathan—the Government of the United States.

Beard, Miriam. *Realism in Romantic Japan.* Macmillan (7). $5.

Beaux, Cecilia. *Background with Figures.* Houghton Mifflin. $5.
The foremost woman painter in America has written a delightful autobiography.

Brewerton, George D. (edited by Stallo Vinton). *Overland with Kit Carson.* Coward McCann (24). $4.

Carswell, Catherine. *The Life of Robert Burns.* Harcourt (16). $3.75.

Charpentier, John. *Rousseau, the Child of Nature.* Dial Press (28). $5.

Churchill, Winston. *A Roving Commission: My Early Life.* Scribner (1). $3.50.
First complete account of Churchill's early life.

Clemenceau-Jacquemaire, Madeline. *Madame Roland.* Longmans, Green (1). $4.

Colum, Padraic. *Cross Roads in Ireland.* Macmillan. $3.50.
Not only the look and voice of Ireland today, but the tradition from which she sprang.

Coolidge, Dane, and Mary Roberts. *The Navajo Indians.* Houghton Mifflin. $4.
Full of legends and stories gathered from actual conversation with the Indians.

Craig, Gordon. *Henry Irving.* Longmans, Green (1). $3.

Cresson, W. P. *Francis Dana.* Dial Press (8). $5.
A Puritan diplomat at the court of Catherine the Great.

Croce, Benedetto (Charles H. Tutt, trans.). *Politics and Morals.* Oxford Univ. Press. $2.50.

Cross, Wilbur L. *Four Contemporary Novelists.* Macmillan (14). $2.
Four critical biographical essays, the subjects being Galsworthy, Wells, Bennett, and Shaw.

Der Ling, Princess. *Lotos Petals.* Dodd Mead. $3.50.
A delightful combination of fact and fancy—of random memories from an eventful life, and of the folk-lore of old China.

Dodd, E. H., Jr. *Great Dipper to Southern Cross.* Dodd Mead. $3.50.
From Bermuda to West Indies, the Canal Zone and the Galapagos.

Fisk, Ethel F. *The Letters of John Fiske.* Macmillan. $5.

Fitzgerald, William, Jr. *Gentlemen All.* Longmans, Green (8). $2.
The story of the landed Southern gentleman, hospitable, gallant, buoyant, and yet essentially ineffectual.

Foucault, Marquise de. *A Chateau at the Front,* 1914-1918. Houghton Mifflin. $3.50.
Journal of Madame la Marquise de Foucault, who lived near the Belgian frontier during the war years.

Frothingham, Thomas Goddard. *Washington: Commander in Chief.* Houghton Mifflin. $5.

Fuess, Claude M. *Daniel Webster.* Little, Brown (17). $10.

Fülöp-Miller, René. *The Unknown Tolstoi.* Dial Press (28). $5.
By the author of *Rasputin, the Holy Devil.*

Fyfe, Hamilton. *Northcliffe: An Intimate Biography.* Macmillan (7). $4.

Gibson, Walter B. *Houdini's Escapes.* Harcourt, Brace (2). $3.
The first and only authentic record of the actual methods devised and used by Houdini, the master showman of the twentieth century.

Goldring, Douglas. *The French Riviera.* Farrar & Rinehart (17). $3.

Grant, Amy Gordon. *Letters from Armageddon.* Houghton Mifflin. $3.50.
Letters sent to Mrs. Grant by friends who were interested in her readings for war relief.

Gray, Edward J. *Leif Eriksson: Discoverer of America.* Oxford Univ. Press. $5.

Griffiss, Townsend. *When You Go to Hawaii.* Houghton Mifflin. $3.50.

Grubb, Kenneth G. *Amazon and Andes.* Dial Press (8). $5.

Hapgood, Norman. *The Changing Years: A Life in Three Eras.* Farrar & Rinehart (3). $4.
Reminiscences.

Holland, Clive. *Czechoslovakia—The Land and Its People.* Dodd Mead. $2.50.

James, Henry. *The Life and Letters of Charles W. Eliot.* Houghton Mifflin. 2v. $10.
The life of the head of a great university, Harvard, for forty years.

Jordan, Donaldson, and Pratt, Edwin J. *Europe and the American Civil War.* Houghton Mifflin. $4.

Kirkconnell, Watson. *The European Heritage.* Coward McCann (15). $2.
Contributions made to civilization by all the different nationalities and peoples of Europe.

Lord Balfour: an Autobiography. Houghton Mifflin. $3.50.
The early years of a great statesman who was withal a philosopher and accomplished man of letters, a keen sportsman, a whimsical and charming human being.

McCabe, Lida Rose. *Ardent Adrienne.* Appleton. $3.
Life of Madame de La Fayette.

Mackall, Lawton. *Portugal for Two.* Dodd Mead. $3.50.

Marjoribanks, Edward. *For the Defence.* Macmillan (14). $2. (Cheaper edition.)
Life of Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

Mason, Edward S. *The Paris Commune: An Episode in the History of the Socialist Movement.* Macmillan.
The Commune of Paris of 1871.

Massingham, H. J. *A Friend of Shelley.* Appleton. $3.50.
A memoir of Edward John Trelawny.

Meier-Graefe, Julius. *Pyramid and Temple.* Macaulay (1). $5.
Travel diary of a philosopher and artist combined.

Miller, Francis P. and Helen H. *America the Pace Setter.* Morrow (2). $3.
A study of the influence on Europe of America in all lines, social, political, economic, etc.

Morley, F. V. (text by). *Everybody's Boswell.* Harcourt. $3.50.

Newmark, Harris. *Sixty Years in Southern California.* Houghton Mifflin. $7.50.

Odum, Howard W. *An American Epoch.* Holt. $3.50.
Southern portraiture in the national picture.

Page, Elizabeth. *Wagons West: A Story of the Oregon Trail.* Farrar & Rinehart (3). $5.
The true story of a New Englander who went west in '49.

Parrington, Vernon Louis. *Main Currents in American Thought.* Volume III, *The Rise of Critical Realism in America.* Harcourt, Brace (9). $4.
The theme of Volume III is the industrialization of America under the leadership of the middle class and the rise of a critical attitude toward the ideals of that class.

Pennypacker, Morton. *The Two Spies: Nathan Hale and Robert Townsend.* Houghton Mifflin. $5.

Pepper, George Wharton. *In the Senate.* Univ. Penn Press. $2.
An appointed Senator evaluates the United States Senate.

Potter, E. S. G., trans. *Boehmer's Life of Luther.* Dial Press (18). $5.

Powell, Lyman. *Mary Baker Eddy.* Macmillan (7). $5.

Riegel, Robert E. *America Moves West.* Holt (10). $5.

Robinson, William A. *Thomas B. Reed: Parliamentarian.* Dodd Mead. $5.

Rockwell, Paul Ayres. *American Fighters in the Foreign Legion.* Houghton Mifflin. $5.
The World War story of the most romantic fighting unit the world has ever known.

Scarborough, Katherine. *Homes of the Cavaliers.* Macmillan (14). $5.
Storied houses of old Maryland.

Schneider, Herbert W. *The Puritan Mind.* Holt (10). $4.
How the New England Puritans laid the foundation of "the genteel tradition."

Sheppard, E. W. *The Life of General Forrest.* Dial Press (28). $5.

Somerville, E. Œ. *The States Through Irish Eyes.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.50.

Sullivan, Mark. *Pre-War America.* Scribner (1). $5.
The third volume of *Our Times.*

Turner, Nancy Byrd. *The Mother of Washington.* Dodd Mead. $3.50.

Vagts, Miriam Beard. *Realism in Romantic Japan.* Macmillan. $5.

Van Doren, Carl. *Swift.* Viking (4). $3.
Life of Jonathan Swift.

Wade, John Donald. *John Wesley.* Coward McCann (8). $3.50.

Ward, Christopher. *The Dutch and Swedes on the Delaware, 1609-64.* Univ. Penn Press. $5.

White, Henry C. *The Life and Art of Dwight William Tryon.* Houghton Mifflin. $7.50.
The life of a poetic painter of New England landscapes.

Winckler, Joseph (Whittaker Chambers, trans.). *Bomberg: The Mad Count.* Farrar & Rinehart. (17). $3.

Wingfield-Stratford, Esmé. *Those Earnest Victorians.* Morrow (2). $3.50.
In a book full of wisdom and humor the author presents a vivid picture of a fascinating and misunderstood society.

Winston, Robert W. *High Stakes and Hair Trigger.* Holt (10). $3.50.
The life of Jefferson Davis.

Woods, William Seaver. *Colossal Blunders of the War.* Macmillan. $2.50.
Our errors laid bare in order to prevent such disasters in the future.

Religion and Psychology

Bilkey, J. G. *Solving Life's Everyday Problems.* Macmillan (14). $1.75.

Calkins, Clinch. *Some Folks Won't Work.* Harcourt (9). $1.50.
Analysis of unemployment.

Clemen, Prof. Carl. *The Religions of the World.* Harcourt, Brace. $5.
In collaboration with eleven other eminent authorities.

Eisler, Robert (A. H. Krappe, trans.). *The Messiah Jesus.* Dial Press (28). $10.

Foerster, Norman. *Toward Standards.* Farrar & Rinehart (17). $2.50.

Franc-Nohain. *Life's an Art.* Holt (10). $2.50.
There are books in plenty that tell you how to think and how to play, but there are very few on how to live.

Lewis, Clarence Irving. *Inference and Investigation: The Elements of Logic.* Macmillan. $2.50.

Lunn, Arnold. *The Flight from Reason.* Dial Press (18). $3.50.
Conflict between religion and science.

Martin, Alfred W. *Seven Great Bibles.* Stokes (23). $2.50.
An attempt to introduce other religions besides Christianity.

Ransom, John Crowe. *God Without Thunder.* Harcourt, Brace. $3.50.
An unorthodox defense of orthodoxy.

Robertson, Edith A. S. *He Is Become My Song.* Macmillan (21). $2.25.
The story of Christ in poetic form.

Ross, W. D. *The Right and the Good.* Oxford Univ. Press. $4.50.
Author examines nature relations, and implications of three conceptions which appear to be fundamental in ethics—those of "right," "good in general," and "morally good."

Saurat, Denis. *Literature and the Occult: from Milton to Whitman.* Dial Press (18). $4.

Slosson, E. E. *A Number of Things.* Harcourt, Brace (9). $2.
The author discussed in a personal, light vein a great variety of scientific, literary, sociological, and religious subjects.

Snowden, James H. *What Do Present-Day Christians Believe?* Macmillan (14). $2.50.

Belles-Lettres

Aiken, Conrad. *John Deth and Other Poems.* Scribner (1). $2.50.

Bridges, Robert, ed. *Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins.* Oxford Univ. Press. $3.

Cazamian, Louis. *The Development of English Humor.* Macmillan (7). $1.75.

Colum, Padraic. *Old Pastures.* Macmillan. $1.50.
New poems.

Colum, Padraic. *Orpheus: Myths of the World.* Macmillan (7). $5.

Drachman, J. M. *Studies in the Literature of Natural Science.* Macmillan (7). $3.50.
A history of the books about science.

Drinkwater, John. *American Vignettes.* Houghton Mifflin. $10.
Poetry.

Flexner, Hortense. *This Stubborn Root and Other Poems.* Macmillan. $1.25.

Frost, Robert. *Collected Poems.* Holt. $5.
Complete poetical works to date.

Grenfell, Sir Wilfred. *The Fisherman's Saint.* Scribner (1). $1.
Essay on St. Andrew, the patron of all fishermen.

Harnandez, Jose. *Gaucho: Martin Fierro.* Farrar & Rinehart (3). $3.50.
A narrative poem.

Kreymborg, Alfred, ed. *Lyric America.* Coward McCann (24). $5.
An anthology (1630-1930).

McCutcheon, George Barr. *Books Once Were Men.* Dodd Mead. $2.50.
Hazards and delights of book-collecting and the outstanding personalities, past and present, in the field.

Noyes, Alfred. *Forty Singing Seamen and Other Poems.* Stokes (9). $3.

Robinson, Corinne Roosevelt. *Out of Nymph.* Scribner (1). $2.
New poems collected for the first time.

Robinson, Edwin Arlington. *The Glory of the Nightingales.* Macmillan. $2.

Sandburg, Carl. *Early Moon.* Harcourt, Brace (2). $2.50.

Thompson, Edward. *In Araby Orion.* Farrar & Rinehart (10). $1.50.
A prose elegy tribute to a young soldier killed in the Holy Land during the war.

Wister, Marina. *Night in the Valley.* Macmillan. $1.25.
Poetry.

Miscellaneous Non-Fiction

Blatz, William E., and Bott, Helen. *The Management of Young Children.* Morrow (2). $3.

Benjamin, Harold. *Man, the Problem Solver.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.50.
A compact outline of civilization.

Boyden, Elizabeth Clark, and Warren, Mrs. Prescott. *Contract Bridge of* 1931. Harcourt, Brace. $2.
New and revised edition.

Briffault, Robert. *Rational Evolution: The Making of Humanity.* Macmillan. $3.50.
New, rewritten edition.

Brooks, C. Harry. *Your Character from Your Handwriting.* Morrow (2). $1.75.

Carrick, Alice Van Leer. *Collector's Luck in Spain.* Little, Brown (17). $3.
Spain is the happiest hunting ground that Mrs. Carrick, as a collector, has ever found.

Cheney, Sheldon. *The New World Architecture.* Longmans, Green (1). $10.
First world survey of modern architecture as it has emerged during the last forty years.

Collins, A. Frederick. *Experimental Chemistry.* Appleton. $2.

Driscoll, Charles B. *Doubloons.* Farrar & Rinehart (10). $5.
An authentic account of treasure ships and unrecovered treasure.

Eipper, Paul. *Animal Children and Human Children.* Viking (18). 2v. $4.
By the author of *Animals Looking at You.*

Ellis, Havelock. *The Fountain of Life.* Houghton Mifflin. $4.
Journals originally published in three separate volumes are now reissued in a single volume.

Farmer, Fannie Merritt. *The Boston Cooking-School Cook Book.* Little, Brown (17). $2.50.
Completely revised.

Flexner, Abraham. *Modern Universities: European and American.* Oxford Univ. Press. $3.50.
Notable evaluation of present-day tendencies in higher education in America, England, and Germany.

Foster, William T., and Catchings, Waddill. *Progress and Plenty.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.
Discussion of the economics of prosperity.

Gardiner, Norman. *Athletics of the Ancient World.* Oxford Univ. Press. $10.
Survey of position of athletics in the social, religious, and political life of the Ancient World.

Gauss, Christian. *Life in College.* Scribner (1). $2.50.
What goes on in American colleges and the real reason that takes so many young men there. Author's own experiences.

Gee, Wilson. *The Place of Agriculture in American Life.* Macmillan. $1.50.

Goldberg, Isaac. *Tin Pan Alley.* John Day (16). $3.50.
The glamorous story of the birth of ragtime and jazz, American popular music.

Hayden, Arthur G. *The Rigid Frame Bridge.* Wiley (15).

Helderman, L. C. *National and State Banks: A Study of Their Origins.* Houghton Mifflin. $3.

Houghton, A. D. *The Cactus Book.* Macmillan. $2.
The botany of cacti, their care and propagation.

Huebner, Grover G., and Kramer, Roland L. *Foreign Trade: Principles and Practices.* Appleton. $5.
A complete manual.

Johnson, Willis Fletcher. *The National Flag: A History.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.

Johnston, Henry Alan. *What Rights Are Left?* Macmillan. $2.
Mr. Johnston points out just what it is that prohibition prohibits.

Keynes, John Maynard. *A Treatise on Money.* Harcourt, Brace. 2v. $8.
The first volume deals with Index Numbers, the Fundamental Equation of the Value of Money, the Theory of Bank Rate, and the Dynamics of the Price Level. The second volume introduces discussions of the actual statistics relating to the elements appearing in the theoretical section.

Kiefer, P. J., and Stuart, M. C. *Engineering Thermodynamics.* Wiley (15).

Mavity, Nancy Barr. *The Modern Newspaper.* Holt (10). $3.

Phillips, John C., and Lincoln, Frederick C. *American Waterfowl.* Houghton Mifflin. $4.50.
Conservation of ducks, geese and swans of North America.

Radin, Max. *The Lawful Pursuit of Gain.* Houghton Mifflin. $1.25.

Shepard, Odell. *Thy Rod and Thy Creel.* Dodd Mead. $2.
The lore of fish and of anglers, about rods and reels and flies, and about the history and literature of angling.

Soby, James Thrall. *The Booklover's Diary.* Dodd Mead. $2.
Contains unique hints on collecting, reading, care of books, bookbinding, bookplates, libraries, etc.

Spearing, Herbert Green. *The Childhood of Art.* Holt (10). $10.
Thorough revision.

Steffens, C. M., and Faris, P. O. *Adventures in Money-Raising.* Macmillan (21). $2.50.

Sutherland, Hale, and Bowman, H. L. *Introduction to Structural Theory and Design.* Wiley (10).

Taft, Lorado. *The History of American Sculpture.* Macmillan. $5.
New edition with supplementary material.

Van Every, Edward. *Sins of New York.* Stokes (9). $5.
As "exposed" by the *Police Gazette.*

Fiction

Beraud, Henri. *The Wood of the Hanging Templar.* Macmillan (7). $2.50.
Story of peasant life in France in the years before the Revolution.

Canfield, Dorothy. *The Deepening Stream.* Harcourt (10). $2.
The story of one woman's developing character.

Christie, Agatha. *The Murder at the Vicarage.* Dodd Mead. $2.

Clarke, Isabel C. *Stepsisters.* Longmans, Green (8). $2.50.
The scene is laid in North Wales and traces the history of Dion Meldon, the little heiress of Clent Priory.

Colver, Alice Ross. *Hilltop House.* Dodd Mead. $2.

Crawford, Nelson Antrim. *Unhappy Wind.* Coward McCann (10). $2.50.
A study of the phenomenon of association.

Deeping, Warwick. *Stories of Love, Courage, and Compassion.* Knopf (24). $3.
Collection of Deeping's best stories.

Driggs, Laurence. *On Secret Air Service.* Little, Brown (17). $2.
The exploits of a group of airmen of the American Flying Corps.

Edwina. *Sinbad.* Coward McCann (24). $2.50.
The story of a mutt pup.

Endore, Guy. *The Man from Limbo.* Farrar & Rinehart (3). $2.

Falkner, Leonard. *M, a Detective Novel.* Holt. $2.

Farjeon, J. Jefferson. *The Appointed Date.* Dial Press (8). $2.
Mystery story.

Farrère, Claude. *Fashions in Marriage.* King (17). $2.

Feuchtwanger, Lion. *Success.* Viking (18). $5.
A modern historical novel of post-war Munich.

Gale, Zona. *Bridal Pond.* Knopf (10). $2.50.
Short stories.

Galsworthy, John. *On Forsyte 'Change.* Scribner (1). $2.50.
Nineteen new short stories that vary in time, place and motive, but relate to the great family of Forsyte.

Gilbert, Anthony. *The Night of the Fog.* Dodd Mead. $2.
Detective story.

Greig, Maysie. *A Nice Girl Comes to Town.* Dial Press (28). $2.
A story of love in London.

Grove, John, ed. *The Omnibus of Adventure.* Dodd Mead. $3.50.
Forty-two complete adventure stories by the world's greatest romantic writers.

Gunnarsson, Gunnar. *Seven Days' Darkness.* Macmillan. $2.50.
The scene in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Hamsun, Knut. *Vagabonds.* Coward McCann (29). $2.50.
A great pageant of life among the poorer classes of Norway.

Holt, Gavin. *The Praying Monkey.* Dial Press (18). $2.
Mystery laid in a little South American republic.

Kallinikov, Joseph. *Women and Monks.* Harcourt, Brace (2). $3.50.
Russian life from 1905 to the Revolution of 1917.

Kennedy, Margaret. *The Fool of the Family.* Doubleday, Doran (3). $2.
The story of the Sanger family from *The Constant Nymph* continued.

Lucas, F. L. *Cécile.* Holt (10). $2.50.
The story of two French sisters in their eighteenth century environment.

Lukash, Ivan. *The Flames of Moscow.* Macmillan (14). $2.50.
A novel of Russian life.

McGuire, Harry. *Stories of Hunting and Fishing.* Macmillan. $2.50.
An anthology of the best American hunting and fishing stories.

McKeogh, Arthur. *Second Lieutenant.* Farrar & Rinehart (17). $2.50.
Story of 77th Division of the famous Lost Battalion.

Muir, Daphne. *Pied Piper.* Holt. $2.50.
The story of the Crusade of the children.

Oliver, John R. *Rock and Sand.* Macmillan (7). $3.
Forty years ago when two different groups, French Canadians and Americans, were brought together.

Ostenso, Martha. *The Waters Under the Earth.* Dodd Mead. $2.50.
How the Welland children grow to manhood and womanhood.

Pelton, Charles. *Joyous Betrayal.* John Day (16). $2.50.
The story of three people, only one of whom was possessed of the courage to defy the turn of events.

Pertwee, Roland. *Pursuit.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.

Powell, Dawn. *Dance Night.* Farrar & Rinehart (10). $2.
Novel of an Ohio boom town.

Pryde, Anthony. *Esme's Sons.* Dodd Mead. $2.50.

Reuter, Gabriele. *Daughters.* Macmillan. $2.50.
The predicament of a woman whose children follow after strange gods.

Sassoon, Siegfried. *The Diary of an Infantry Officer.* Coward McCann (10). $2.50.
A continuation of *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man.*

Savage, Juanita. *Don Lorenzo's Bride.* Dial Press (28). $2.

Sedgwick, Anne Douglas. *Philippa.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.50.

Shelby, Gertrude, and Stoney, Samuel. *Po' Buckra.* Macmillan. $2.50.
Shows in microcosm the passing of the plantation country. By the authors of *Black Genesis.*

Smith, A. W. *Bandar-Log.* Little, Brown (17). $2.
A novel of England and India.

Stern, G. B. *Mosaic.* Knopf (10). $2.50.
A panorama of a Jewish family from 1860 to the present.

Tarkington, Booth. *Mirthful Haven.* Doubleday, Doran (Sept. 19). $2.
Maine folk and summer visitors.

Tempski, Armine. *Lava.* Stokes (23). $2.
Scene laid under the shadow of the volcano Hualalai, Hawaii.

Vines, Howell. *A River Goes with Heaven.* Little, Brown (17). $2.
The story of an idyllic summer spent in a tiny cabin near the Warrior Rivers in Alabama.

Warren, Dale. *A Modern Galaxy.* Houghton Mifflin. $3.
An assembly of short stories.

Waugh, Alec. *"Sir!" She Said.* Farrar & Rinehart (3). $1.

Weston, George. *The American Marquis.* Dodd Mead. $2.

Wharton, Edith. *Certain People.* Appleton. $2.
Collection of six new stories.

Wilhelmson, Carl. *Midsummernight.* Farrar & Rinehart (24). $2.50.
Story of a young Americanized Finn.

Wren, Percival Christopher. *Mysterious Waye.* Stokes (9). $2.
The story of Jon Waye, the mysterious.

Juvenile

Ashmun, Margaret. *Susie Sugarbeet.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.
Story for girls from eight to ten.

Berger, Josef. *Come Along.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.

Bigham, Madge A. *Sonny Elephant.* Little, Brown (17). $2.50.
For boys and girls from 5 to 10 years.

Collins, A. Frederick. *Mirth and Mystery.* Coward McCann (29). $2.
Full of ingenious catches, tricks and magical stunts.

DeHuff, Elizabeth Willis, and Kabotie, Fred. *Five Little Katchinas.* Houghton Mifflin. $1.75.
Modern imaginative story.

De La Mare, Walter. *Poems for Children.* Holt. $2.50.

Diamond, Lucy. *When He Was Just a Little Child.* Oxford Univ. Press. $1.25.
Collection of simple verse dealing with scenes and incidents surrounding boyhood of Jesus.

Field, Kathleen. *The Yelloze Bird.* Oxford Univ. Press. $2.50.
Historical story. Scene laid in Spain in days of Columbus.

Hader, Berta and Elmer. *Mother Goose.* Coward McCann (15). $3.50.

Housman, Laurence. *Turn Again Tales.* Holt (10). $2.50.
Collected stories on a wide range of subjects.

Lofting, Hugh. *The Twilight of Magic.* Stokes (23). $2.50.
A glamorous tale of the Middle Ages in England and the adventures of a brother and sister.

Mason, Arthur. *The Wee Men of Ballywooden.* Doubleday, Doran (10). $2.50.

Matheson, John. *The Needle in the Haystack.* Morrow (2). $2.50.

Nesbit, E. *The Five Children.* Coward McCann (8). $3.

Perkins, Lucy Fitch. *The Indian Twins* Houghton Mifflin. $1.75.

Phillips, Ethel Calvert. *Little Rag Doll.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.

Post, Augustus. *Skycraft.* Oxford Univ. Press. $2.50.
Latest things in aircraft described and explained by one of the pioneers in aviation.

Rankin, Carroll W. *Finders Keepers.* Holt (10). $1.75.
The adventures of the Bailey family on a motoring vacation.

Rattray, R. S. *Akan-Ashanti Folk-Tales.* Oxford Univ. Press. $7.50.
Folk tales collected and translated by author and illustrated by natives of the Gold Coast Colony.

Shipman, Nell. *Kurley Kea and the Tree Princess.* Dial Press (8). $2.50.
Fairy tales.

Stratton, Clarence. *Robert the Roundhead.* Oxford Univ. Press. $2.50.
Story of days of civil war between the Royalists and Parliamentarians during the reign of Charles I of England.

Teasdale, Sara. *Stars To-Night.* Macmillan. $2.50.
Verses new and old for boys and girls.

White, Eliza Orne. *The Green Door.* Houghton Mifflin. $2.
There are two green doors in Hazel's life; one is in the back of her mind and leads into a make-believe land, the other is a green door in the house across the street.

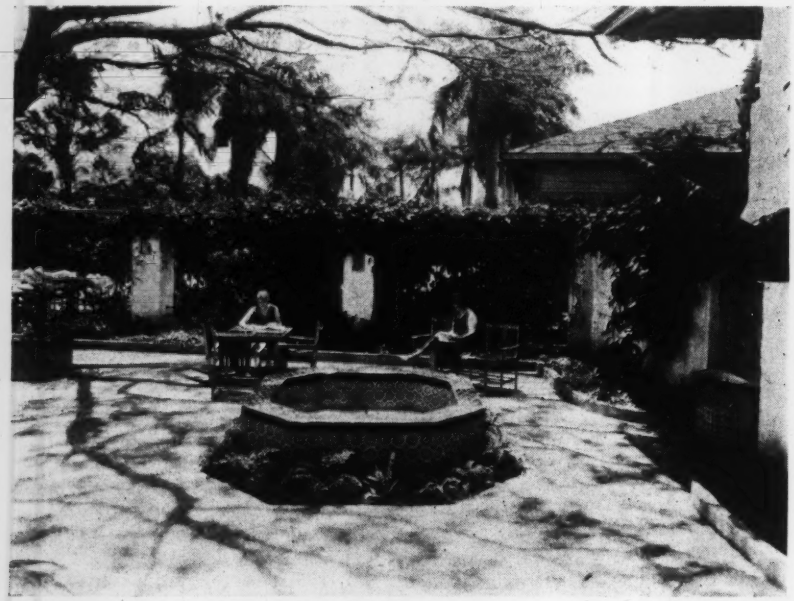
Wiese, Kurt. *Wallie the Walrus.* Coward McCann (29). $1.50.
Adventures of a baby walrus.

Williamson, Julia. *Stars Through Magic Casements.* Appleton. $2.
Stories about stars.

In The Library World

Decidedly Hawaiian in Design

THE MAUI COUNTY FREE LIBRARY, Wailuku, Territory of Hawaii, was opened for service one year ago, Aug. 6, 1929. The structure was designed and built under the supervision of Architect W. C. Dickey, at a cost of $75,000. This money was appropriated by the Territorial Legislature for building and equipment. The library faces the other county buildings and is decidedly Hawaiian in design. The steep, red-tiled roof resembles the roofs of the grass huts used by the Hawaiians in the early days. The exterior is white cement with green window trimmings. An attractive patio opening off the children's room is sheltered from the street by vines and trellis and from the sky by a Monkey-pod tree with an enormous spread.



The Patio in the Maui County Library, Hawaii

New Buildings

FARIBAULT, Minnesota, dedicated the Thomas Scott Buckham Memorial Library July 20, 1930.

WORD COMES from Bath, England, that funds are being raised for a new hospital which will carry out the last wish of the late Alderman Cedric Chivers, former Mayor of Bath, and pioneer in library bookbinding methods. As the friend of many American librarians, Mr. Chivers was noted for his hospitality to library visitors as well as for his counsel and service to the library profession. The present Mayor of Bath writes that any contributions toward the new hospital project will be gratefully received and may be sent to him at Guildhall, Bath, England.

MRS. CAROLINE WELLS of Brewster, New York, has donated $20,000 to the Brewster Library Association which makes possible a new library building. The association obtained the site from the late William A. Ferris and also a legacy of about $46,000, which he left the town of Southeast, of which Brewster is a part, and which the town board has voted to use for the library.

THE SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY building at Washington, D. C., across the way from the Library of Congress, and contributed by Henry Clay Folger, was completed September 15.

THE LIBRARY of Jurisprudence of the United States was dedicated on June 27 in the lecture rooms of the Jurisprudence Seminar of the Hamburg, Germany, University.

North Central Library Conference

Among the speakers scheduled for the North Central Library Conference, to be held in St. Paul from October 14 to 17, are Dr. Everett Dean Martin, Director of The People's Institute, New York City, who will speak on "What Is An Educated Person?" Herbert Heaton, Professor of History, University of Minnesota on "Sorry, We Haven't Got It," and Carroll Streetor of the staff of *The Farmer's Wife*. Four general sessions are scheduled, round tables on Small and Large Public Libraries, School Libraries, College and University Libraries, County Libraries, Hospital Work, Children's Work and Cataloging. An informal reception will be given by the St. Paul Public Library on Tuesday evening and a dinner for the entire group is planned for Thursday evening. Exhibits will be on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Lowry.

The Charging Desk, Maui County Library, Hawaii

Oxford Library Group Tour America

The Bodleian Library commission of Oxford University, England, arrived in New York, September 16, on its tour of this country and Canada, to study libraries for assistance in planning the extension of the Oxford University Library. Sir Henry Miers, who recently retired from the vice-chancellorship of the University of Manchester, is chairman of the commission. The other members are Sir Frederic G. Kenyon, director of the British Museum; Sir Edmund Chambers, Shakespeare scholar, accompanied by Lady Chambers; George N. Clark, historian; Henry R. K. Harrod, economist; and Kenneth Sisam of the Oxford University Press. Also with the group are Wilhelm Munth, librarian of the University of Oslo, Norway, and Mr. Sindinge-Larsen, architect, who also plan to study American library methods. Dr. William W. Bishop, librarian of the University of Michigan, is accompanying the commission on its tour.

Pasteur Memorial Library

Well-known Americans, some of them residing in France, are taking active interest in the Pasteur Memorial Library at the University of Strasbourg. This undertaking is intended not only as a monument to the illustrious scientist, but also to strengthen the bonds of friendship between France and the United States. Several hundreds of valuable books, some of them in choice bindings, already have been contributed. The executive board is sending out an appeal for either books or money with which to buy more.

D. C. Numbers on L. C. Cards

THE PROJECT for printing Decimal Classification numbers on Library of Congress cards is now a reality. The work of assigning class numbers began on April 1, 1930, and cards with numbers on them began to appear by the end of the second week in April. By Aug. 1 a staff of three began carrying out a program even broader than anticipated, embracing practically all books in foreign languages as well as in English. The purpose of this communication is to acquaint the beneficiaries of this work and librarians in general with its scope and method, matters of policy in applying the Decimal Classification where the classifier's discretion is a factor, and the changes and developments in the Decimal Classification authorized by the editor, Miss Dorkas Fellows.

Scope. The following classes of books currently cataloged by the Library of Congress are being assigned Decimal Classification numbers:

(a) All books in English, with the exception of city directories, telephone directories, and nearly all current fiction.
(b) Some foreign books, as many as the time of the present staff will permit.
(c) Nearly all serial publications.

Method. The Decimal Classification numbers appear in the lower right-hand corner of the Library of Congress cards. Often more than one number is found there: the one at the extreme right is then the main class number, those inclosed in square brackets are alternatives suggested either in the Decimal Classification or by this office, and those in parentheses are the numbers assigned to the set or series of which the given book is a part.

In applying the Decimal Classification numbers no account can be taken of deviations from the classification tables as used in individual libraries. The numbers on the cards conform strictly to the Decimal Classification tables as given in the twelfth edition and are carried out as far as the tables permit. In making use of the numbers, libraries should take into consideration their policy in deviating from the Decimal Classification. It should be noted that geographic and general form divisions have been used rather freely on the cards, the former on .09 as a base (or as otherwise indicated in the Decimal Classification).

Changes and Expansions of the D. C. Libraries will be glad to know that this office is in close touch with the editorial office of the Decimal Classification (also located in the Library of Congress) and is permitted to make use of changes and expansions which have not yet appeared in print. In some instances the urgent need for a given expansion or change in the classification was made obvious by the work of this office, and the editor has gone out of her way to make it available.

The following changes in and additions to *Decimal Classification, ed. 12,* have been authorized by the D. C. editorial office and are to be incorporated in the 13th edition:

007	Action and organization in general. Human labor.
312	Change last note to read: "Class general local statistics of population on 312.09, divided geographically, like 930–999; e. g., Population of Maine 312.09741." An expansion by topics—births, deaths, etc.—is under consideration for 312.1–.9.
343.3–.9	Transfer general local material to 343.093–.099, leaving 343.1-.9 for topical expansion now under consideration.
371.333	Broadcasting.
.335	Visual instruction. Include here Television, considered as a method of instruction.
529.2	Eras, various kinds of years, months, weeks, decades, etc.
.3	Calendars in general, including ancient and non-Christian.
.4	Christian calendars.
.41	Coptic and other primitive Christian calendars.
.42	Calendar of Julius Cæsar.
.43	Calendar of Gregory, 1582–. Almanacs.
.44	Ecclesiastical calendar: determination.
.5	Modern projects for reform of the calendar.
581.92	Broaden present meaning from "Marine flora" to "Aquatic flora."
.928	Include with Arctic Ocean on this number Antarctic Ocean (now 581.929).
.929	Use for "Fresh-water flora," dividing 581.9293–.9299, like 930–999.
591.92	Follow same plan as for 581.92.

Pending Changes:

133–134	Class marks are not being given for Clairvoyance, Clairaudience, Lucidity, Telepathy, Materialization, Dematerialization, Telekinesis, and Levitation, pending possible transfer from 134 to 133.
629.13–.19	Scheme for Aeronautics is to be revised, probably consolidated on 629.13. Consequently works on Aeronautics are now being classed on 629.13, without subdivision except for form.
653	Scheme for Shorthand is being revised, and consequently subdivisions of 653 are not at present being used.
772	Class mark for Color photography is being omitted, pending possible change.
773	Class mark for Woodbury type is being admitted, pending possible change.

Extension of the Service. This office welcomes inquiries and suggestions in regard to its work. With the staff now complete, it is pos-

Books catalogued by other government libraries and outside libraries for which the Card Division of the Library of Congress prints cards obviously cannot be supplied with Decimal Classification numbers under the present arrangement. On the other hand, practically all copyright books are catalogued by the Library of Congress and are assigned numbers.

sible that it will be able to undertake to supply D. C. numbers for books it has already classified or even for others in the Library of Congress on the same basis as the Library of Congress supplies L. C. classification numbers.

Caution. Since not all matters of policy in applying the Decimal Classification could be settled at once when the work was begun, some changes have been made since the first half of April. Libraries are asked to note the following inconsistencies:

923.1 –.9	Country subdivisions sometimes omitted.
808.81–.87	Used at first also for collections containing only English and American poetry, drama, etc.; now 821.08–827.08 are used.
924–928	Often carried out beyond the point recommended in the Decimal Classification.

The work of this office is in a broader sense the cooperative effort of American libraries than any project heretofore undertaken. More libraries support it and a larger percentage of them receive (or may receive) the benefit of it. Because it is in its beginnings and has immense possibilities for usefulness (particularly in reducing the cost of cataloging), it bespeaks the support and encouragement of all libraries using the Decimal Classification.

Chicago in 1933

THE INTERNATIONAL Library Committee has accepted an invitation from the American Library Association to hold a meeting in Chicago in 1933, according to an announcement from A. L. A. Headquarters. Members of this committee form the executive body of the International Federation of Library Associations, organized last year in Rome largely through American aid and initiative.

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THE EXPLORERS' CLUB offers to any library, needing it to fill out their set, Volume 1 of *Hakluytus Posthumus; or Purchas His Pilarimes.* Glasgow, MacLehose, 1905. Address Dr. Frederick A. Blossom, Librarian, 544 Cathedral Parkway, New York City.

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Speaking from out the depths of ages vast
To us and myriad races yet unborn,
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This is the house of Cadmus, first to find
For inarticulate man eternity
In everlasting kingdoms of the mind.
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E'en in a footnote on a dusty leaf
In some dim alcove by the living spied
Once in a lustrum, for a moment brief,
Thou, too, shalt live when all thy mortal state
Has been for centuries obliterate.

F. W. A.

Book News

Book Club Selections

(for October)

Book League of America

The Conquest of Happiness, by Bertrand Russell. Liveright.

An analysis of the underlying causes of individual unhappiness.

Book-Of-The-Month

Quiet Street, by Michael Ossorgin. Dial Press.

A veracious and fascinating picture of the Russian Revolution.

Business Book League

They Told Barron, edited by Arthur Pond and Samuel T. Moore. Harper.

A racy and diverting diary of Clarence W. Barron, former owner of the *Wall Street Journal.*

Catholic Book Club

The Resurrection of Rome, by G. K. Chesterton. Dodd, Mead.

Deals with Rome, not as a dead city, but as a city risen from the dead.

English Book Society

A Note in Music, by Rosamond Lehmann. Holt.

Junior Literary Guild

Kees (6, 7, and 8 years), by Marian King Harper.

The Five Children (9, 10, and 11 years), by E. Nesbit. Coward McCann.

Early Moon (older girls, 12 to 16 years), by Carl Sandburg. Harcourt, Brace.

Full Fathom Five (older boys, 12 to 16 years), by Frank H. Shaw. Macmillan.

Literary Guild

R. V. R., by Hendrik Willem Van Loon. Liveright.

A biography of Rembrandt.

Religious Book Club

The Problem of God, by E. S. Drightman. Abingdon Press.

Scientific Book Club

The Conquest of Life, by Theodore Koppanyi. Appleton.

The groundwork of the science is in this entertaining review of biology.

Among Librarians

JANET ADLER has joined the cataloging service of the John Crerar Library.

FRANCES IDA AMBUHL has joined the staff of the Newberry Library, Chicago, as first assistant in the Catalog Department.

FLORENCE BERRY, Pittsburgh '29, was married to Eugene F. McGrath on June 17.

LEONARD A. BUSBY, for twenty-nine years a member of the Board of Directors of the John Crerar Library and president of the board since 1929, died on Sept. 9.

CLARA CAMPBELL, Pittsburgh '16, has been appointed children's librarian in the Charlotte, N. C., Public Library.

WILHEMINA E. CAROTHERS has resigned from the faculty of the Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, to accept an appointment as instructor in the Library Science Department, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.

AMELIA COLLIER, N. Y. P. L. '20, has accepted the position of librarian in the Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.

ELIZABETH H. DEXTER, Pittsburgh '13, has been appointed chief psychiatrist in the Department of Child Guidance, Board of Education, Newark, N. J.

LOIS DODGE, St. Louis '26, formerly first assistant of the Cabanne Branch, St. Louis Public Library, has resigned to become librarian of the Ben Blewett Junior High School Library, St. Louis, Mo.

RUTH DRYDEN, Los Angeles '30, has recently married Carl Bauer.

MARTHA JANE FORESMAN, Pittsburgh '25, was married to Donald Wright Kling on Sept. 10, 1930.

WILLIAM E. FOSTER, librarian emeritus of the Providence (R. I.) Public Library, and librarian from the establishment of the library in 1878 to February, 1930, died Wednesday, Sept. 10.

GLADYS JEAN HAMLEY, N. Y. P. L. '29, who has been substituting for the past eight months in the Reference Department of the Library Association of Portland, has been appointed an assistant in the Circulation Department, beginning September 22.

AGNES F. HASSELL, St. Louis '29, children's librarian in the Rose City Park branch of the Library Association of Portland, resigned August 1 to be married to Arthur S. Bray.

MARGARET HINCKS, Pratt '28, has been transferred from the Arleta branch of the Portland Library Association, Oregon, to the Rose City Park branch.

ELIZA KAVANA, Columbia '27, has joined the staff of the Newberry Library, Chicago, as assistant in the Reference Department.

ALICE KENTON, Wisconsin '25, has become second assistant to David J. Haykin in the Office for Decimal Classification Numbers on Library of Congress Cards, Washington, D. C.

JULIA F. KOHL, St. Louis '24, has accepted the position of librarian of the Central High School Library, St. Louis, Mo.

MARION LAWRENCE, Los Angeles '27, will begin her duties as an assistant in the Circulation Department of the Library Association of Portland, the first of September.

ANNA LENSCHOW, Albany '23, formerly in the Reference Department of the New York Public Library, has become first assistant to David J. Haykin in the Office for Decimal Classification Numbers on Library of Congress Cards, Washington, D. C.

MINNIE A. LEWIS, who comes from the Riverside, Cal., Public Library, is replacing Miss Trepp as catalog reviser in the John Crerar Library.

OLIVE LEWIS, Western Reserve '29, has resigned her position in the Indiana State Teachers' College Library to become assistant classifier in the Newberry Library, Chicago.

LORNA LINNEMAN, Los Angeles '30, has recently married Horace L. Tilton.

GERTRUDE MAY, St. Louis '16, librarian of the Benton Branch, St. Louis Public Library, has resigned to take charge of the Soldan High School Library, St. Louis, Mo.

MARIE MOLNAR, Los Angeles '29, resigned from Tulane University Medical Library to accept a position at the DuPont Laboratories, Wilmington, Del.

ORA NEELEY, Los Angeles '28, has been transferred from the Vermont Square Branch to the Branches Department of the Los Angeles Public Library.

KATHERINE E. SCHULTZ, Albany '21, has been appointed instructor in cataloging and classification in the Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, to succeed Miss Carothers.

PYRRHA B. SHEFFIELD, Western Reserve '13, has been appointed librarian of the Dowagiac (Mich.) Public Library.

LELAND R. SMITH, Western Reserve '29, has resigned as assistant in the Reference Division of the Cleveland Public Library to become librarian of Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

CHRISTINE TREPP has resigned as catalog reviser in the John Crerar Library after a long period of service.

Opportunities

(This column is open to librarians.)

Wanted—Eastern library is developing its Italian collection. Cataloger wanted who speaks and writes Italian with grace and accuracy. J13.

College and library school graduate, with school library experience, seeks position preferably in school library, but would consider other types of library. Reference work preferred. J-14.

Young woman, library school graduate, desires position in children's department. J-15.

Library position wanted by woman with university education and summer library school training, twelve years' experience in public library work, and one as high school librarian. West or Middle West preferred. J-16.

Children's librarian with training and experience wishes position. Z-15.

Qualified library assistant with experience in indexing, cataloging, reference, bibliographical work, in work with periodicals, pamphlets, and documents would like responsible position in college, university, special, public library, or with publishing house. J10.

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Oct. 1-2—Connecticut Library Association, annual meeting at New London, Conn.

Oct. 2-4—Colorado Library Association, annual meeting at Denver, Colo.

Oct. 7-9—Missouri Library Association, annual meeting at Sedalia, Mo.

Oct. 8-10—Michigan Library Association, annual meeting at Marquette, Mich.

Oct. 9-10—Kentucky Library Association, annual meeting at Paducah, Ky.

Oct. 10—New Jersey Library Association, annual meeting at the Reid Memorial Library, Passaic, N. J.

Oct. 13-18—New York Library Association, annual meeting at Albany, N. Y., in connection with Convocation of the University of the State of New York.

Oct. 14-17—North Central Library Conference, including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, will be held in St. Paul, Minn.

Oct. 15-18—Illinois Library Association, annual meeting at Moline, Ill.

Oct. 15-17—Ohio and Indiana Library Associations, annual meeting (joint session) at Dayton, Ohio.

Oct. 20-22—Montana Library Association, annual meeting in Billings.

Oct. 21-24—Pennsylvania Library Association, annual meeting at Galen Hall Hotel, Wernersville, Pa.

Oct. 22-24—Kansas Library Association, annual meeting at Salina, Kan.

Oct. 23-24—Mississippi Library Association, annual meeting at the Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus.

Oct. 29-Nov. 1—Southwestern Library Association meeting at Dallas, Tex.

Nov. 6-7—New Mexico Library Association, annual meeting at Albuquerque, N. M.

Nov. 10—Arizona State Library Association, annual meeting at Phoenix, Ariz.

Nov. 20-23—Negro Library Conference, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 21—Illinois High School Library Association meets as Section of High School conference at Urbana, Ill.

Nov. 27-29—Southeastern Library Association, annual meeting at Tampa, Fla.

Dec. 29-30—Midwinter meeting of the American Library Association will be held at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

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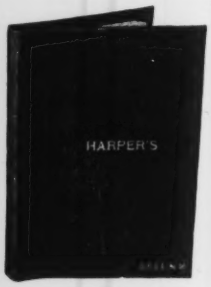

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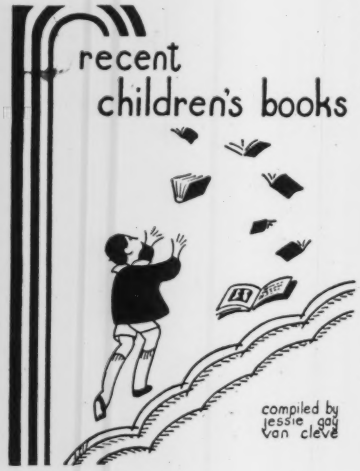

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